

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Sheboygan County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

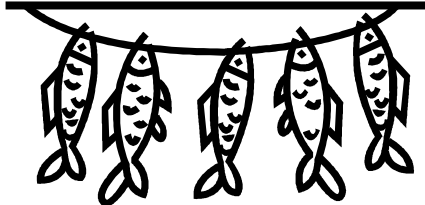
763,384



RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Sheboygan County, **60,285** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

1,456 extended growth walleye were stocked in **Elkhart Lake** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative** in the fall of 2014. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **765 citizens became hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile certified** in Sheboygan County.

In fiscal year 2014, **Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit and Kohler-Andrae State Park** had close to **988,151 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$43,866,558**.

Sheboygan County has over **22,780 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

DNR habitat projects have restored native plants to approximately **34 acres** along more than **18,000 feet of shoreline and assessment**.

In 2014, DNR stocked **4,080 pheasants in Sheboygan County**. Stocking results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy.

Community Partnerships

Elkhart Lake Public Library in Sheboygan was one of **17 libraries** chosen to test pilot **Outdoor Explorer Backpacks**. The backpacks encourage kids and families to get outdoors and explore Wisconsin's natural resources.

DNR granted a total of **\$25,431** to the **Sheboygan County Sheriff Department** and **Village of Elkhart Lake** for boat patrol activities.

Sheboygan County has **205 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water. Wisconsin has more public water systems than any other state in the nation.

Snapshot of grants in Sheboygan County

A total of **\$650,313** was awarded in Sheboygan County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: land acquisition of Schinker Creek Park in the Town of Wilson, aquatic plant management planning in Little Elkhart Lake and trail maintenance.

**Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.

Forestry Activities

Forestry is one of the **top 10 industries** in Sheboygan County. It produces **\$375 million** in economic output, providing **\$28.5 million** in added value to the county.

Sheboygan County has **4,620 acres of private land open for public access** as a result of the tax law programs (Forest Crop and MFL). The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

DNR granted \$39,146 to local Fire Departments in Sheboygan County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$18,800 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters.**

Since 2011, **Sheboygan County has received \$5,000 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

Since 2005, **over 20,179 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Sheboygan County. The harvests provided more than **\$834,000 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

Significant work to clean up the Sheboygan River over the course of 20 years came to a close in 2012. Multiple state and federal agencies were involved in the project, including DNR.

DNR approved **cleanups at 531 contaminated properties** resulting in **207 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment.**

DNR provided **\$258,742 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

Deer Management in Sheboygan County

In 2014, Sheboygan County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

In 2013, a total of 3,265 deer were registered in Sheboygan County with 983 harvested during archery deer season and 2,282 harvested during the gun deer season.